

# **PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET**

## **ACTINAC**

Please read this leaflet carefully before you start applying this medicine. If you do not understand it or you want to know more, ask your doctor or pharmacist. Keep the leaflet, you may want to read it again.

### **WHAT IS ACTINAC MADE OF?**

This product is called Actinac. Actinac is a lotion which is made up from a powder and a liquid. The lotion contains 4.024% w/w of the active ingredient Chloramphenicol BP which is an antibiotic. It helps to control local infection. The other active ingredients Hydrocortisone acetate EP 4.024% w/w, Allantoin 2.415% w/w, Butoxyethyl Nicotinate 2.415% w/w and Precipitated sulphur BP 32.193% w/w help to suppress inflammation and to dry up your skin.

It also contains tragacanth, myrj 53, syloid, purified talc, titanium dioxide, benzoic acid and purified water.

Each 25ml pack of Actinac contains one bottle containing 6.25g of Actinac powder and one 20ml bottle of solvent. Upon mixing, 25ml of lotion is produced.

### **WHO HAS MADE YOUR MEDICINE?**

The marketing authorisation for Actinac is held by Peckforton Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Crewe Hall, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 6UL, England. They are manufactured by Penn Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Tafamaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar, Gwent, NP2 3AA

### **WHAT IS ACTINAC USED FOR?**

Actinac is used for the treatment of spots (acne).

### **BEFORE YOU TAKE YOUR MEDICINE**

If you can answer YES to any of the following questions, you MUST tell your doctor before applying this lotion:

- Are you allergic to any of the ingredients?
- Are you pregnant or trying to become pregnant?
- Are you breastfeeding?

### **ARE YOU USING ANY OTHER MEDICINES?**

Actinac is unlikely to interfere with other medicines that you are using. However, it is important that you tell your doctor or pharmacist about ALL medicines that you are taking, including those bought without a prescription.

### **HOW SHOULD YOU USE ACTINAC?**

Before you start using Actinac, please follow the instructions below to make the lotion:

#### *Preparation of the lotion*

Empty about half the contents of one bottle of the liquid (white cap) into one bottle of powder (black cap). Replace the cap securely and shake well. Allow the lotion to settle and add the rest of the liquid.

Replace the cap again and then shake well to ensure the ingredients are properly mixed. The lotion is now ready for use.

#### *How to use Actinac*

Shake the bottle of lotion well, before each application and thoroughly clean the affected skin. It is also advisable to remove jewellery before applying the lotion. Taking care to avoid eyes and mouth apply the lotion with some cotton wool or lint. For the first four days apply the lotion at night and in the morning. After this apply it only at night. Even after the spots have disappeared you should continue to use the lotion for a further three nights to help prevent the spots reappearing.

#### *Warning*

Actinac should not be used near the eye and mouth.

#### **WHAT IF YOU MISS A DOSE?**

If you forget to use your medicine at the correct time, don't worry. Do not use twice as much next time. Just use your medicine as soon as you remember and carry on as before.

#### **WHAT IF YOU USE TOO MUCH?**

If you use too much medicine or you accidentally swallow it, you should tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible.

#### **WHAT ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS?**

Like all medicines, Actinac may occasionally cause problems. Early in the course of treatment the skin to which Actinac is applied may become red and you may experience a feeling of warmth. This is a normal reaction and is caused by an increase in the blood flow to the skin. However, in the unlikely event of a severe reaction or any other effects, stop using your medicine and tell your doctor immediately.

#### **HOW SHOULD YOU STORE YOUR MEDICINES?**

**Actinac should be stored between 2° C – 8° C.**

Once you have made your lotion it will remain active for 21 days. Any lotion remaining after this time should be disposed of carefully and a fresh supply prepared.

Do not use your medicine if it is past the expiry date on the box.

Keep this medicine in a safe place where children cannot get at it. Your medicine may harm them.

#### **DATE OF PREPARATION**

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